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WELCOME, DELEGATES TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION!

Welcome to New York City, home of the Stonewall Rebellion, the beginning of the contemporary lesbian and gay liberation movement! With its gay and lesbian population approaching one million, New York is one of the 91 municipalities where lesbians and gay men are protected from discrimination under the law.

To help orient you to lesbian and gay New York, we provide the following short list of agencies which may in turn refer you to the many additional lesbian and gay resources in New York City:

The **Mayor's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community** (212/788-2706), under the direction of Dr. Marjorie Hill, advocates for lesbian and gay concerns and facilitates communications between the Mayor and our community.

New York's **Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center** (212/620-7310), located at 208 West 13th Street in Greenwich Village, is open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. Services offered at the Center include a library, substance abuse prevention programs, a lesbian switchboard, a health clinic, and services for victims of anti-gay and lesbian violence. The Center provides about 23,000 square feet of meeting and office space, housing the meetings of nearly 300 lesbian and gay groups, and welcoming approximately 4,000 visitors every week. ACT-UP, Queer Nation, and GLAAD are a few of the groups that were founded at the Center.

The **Gay and Lesbian Independent Democrats (GLID)** is Manhattan's progressive gay and lesbian Democratic club. GLID (212/727-0008) lobbies elected officials, sponsors public forums, conducts voter registration drives, endorses candidates, represents lesbians and gay men in the Democratic Party, and encourages progressive lesbians and gay men to seek political office. GLID is committed to social justice and basic human rights for all people.

The **Stonewall Democratic Club** (212/969-8854) is a gay, lesbian, feminist organization with a moderate philosophy. It works to expand the community's influence and visibility through voter registration programs and social events. It is currently lobbying on the state and local level for legislation on hate crimes and family diversity, and it endorses and campaigns for the best qualified Democratic candidates.

Operating from 10:30 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week, the **Gay and Lesbian Switchboard** (212/777-1800) provides information to visitors on counseling resources, the social scene, and other aspects of lesbian and gay life. For specifically lesbian information, the **Lesbian Switchboard** can be reached from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday at 212/741-2610.

During the Convention, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund are maintaining a **lesbian and gay action and press headquarters** at the Ramada Hotel Pennsylvania (212/736-5000), Suite 706A, 401 Seventh Avenue at 33rd St. across from Madison Square Garden, from July 12-16, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force**, based in Washington, D.C., works to eradicate discrimination and bias based on sexual orientation and HIV status by lobbying for federal gay and lesbian civil rights and for aggressive and inclusive federal AIDS policy, lesbian health care, and laws that counter hate crimes.

The **Human Rights Campaign Fund**, also based in Washington, D.C., is the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization, with 40,000 members across the country. HRCF works to exert the power of lesbian and gay Americans on national politics and legislation through a combination of bipartisan political action, lobbying, and grassroots mobilization.

Founded in May 1991 in Washington, D.C., the **Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund** offers financial support to qualified openly gay and lesbian candidates for public office through a nationwide donor network.

SAVE THESE DATES!

The **Lesbian and Gay Delegate Reception and Visibility Party**, co-sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and the New York City Mayor's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community, will be held on Sunday, July 12 from 4-6 p.m. at the Rooftop Cafe of B. Smith's Restaurant, 771 Eighth Avenue at 47th Street. The hosts expect New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins, Governor Clinton, Governors Ann Richards of Texas and Barbara Roberts of Oregon, and Congressmen Barney Frank and Gerry Studds of Massachusetts, as well as the leadership of the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and the Democratic Party, so please plan to join them!

To welcome lesbian and gay delegates and other Democratic leaders, GLID will host **"Wine and Hors d'oeuvres with Marie Antoinette on Bastille Day,"** at Florent Restaurant on Tuesday, July 14 from 5-7 p.m. The restaurant is located at 69 Gansevoort Street in the historic meat-packing district of Greenwich Village. Another event not to be missed!

The **Gay and Lesbian Delegates Caucus** will meet daily during the Convention in the Hudson/Sutton Suite of the Ramada Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 Seventh Avenue at 33rd Street. The meeting schedule is as follows: Sunday, 7/12, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Monday, 7/13, 1-3 p.m.; Tuesday, 7/14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesday, 7/15, 1-3 p.m.; Thursday, 7/16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.